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Attorney General McGraw's Citizen Advisory Committee To Introduce Five New Members at Daniels Summit

CHARLESTON – West Virginia Attorney General Darrell McGraw will install five new members of his Citizens Advisory Committee at the group's conference in Daniels on Friday, April 2.

The day-long symposium, to be held at the Glade Springs Conference Center, will feature educational sessions for the committee's 35 Citizen Advisors, who represent all corners of the state. This year's topics include the new federal Credit Card Act and the results of an extensive survey on consumer fraud issues commissioned by AARP. Local members of the legislature have been invited to attend.

The newly selected members of Attorney General McGraw's Citizen Advisory Committee represent diverse and accomplished backgrounds: Ron Booker of Beckley in Raleigh County, a criminal justice and forensics expert; Putnam County's Cathy Larck, a Union Carbide retiree and veteran of civic organizations; Cabell County's Carl Eastham, former President of the Huntington Professional Fire Fighters; Keyser's Sandra Parker, Law Enforcement Secretary for the Mineral County Sheriff's Office; and Brooke County's James Lee, the Chief Probation Officer for the First Circuit Court.

Created by McGraw in 2007, the Citizens Advisory Committee reaches out to communities throughout the state as part of the Attorney General's effort to provide personalized access to consumer protection resources for all West Virginians. It offers consumers with questions and complaints the opportunity for direct contact with a representative of the Attorney General's Office.

"Opening channels of communication through our Consumer Advisors is one of the most effective tools that my office can use in educating consumers," Attorney General McGraw said. "It enables our citizens to make smarter choices and reduces unnecessary litigation."

At the upcoming committee meeting, McGraw and his Citizen Advisors will discuss the key results of the AARP survey, which found that West Virginians are most concerned about telemarketing phone calls, credit card issues and pharmaceutical companies. A new informational guide from the Attorney General's Office, "What Credit Card Reform Means for Consumers," will be distributed.

To contact a Citizen Advisory Committee member, Field Representative, or Consumer Advocate in your area call Denise Tucker, Director of Field Services for the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General, at 304-558-2021.

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